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E. O. 11652:NA
TAGS: UK MORG MPOL
SUBJECT: DEBATE ON UK ARMED FORCES PAY

REF: A) LONDON 6634; B) LONDON 6528

1. ALL THE QUALITY PAPERS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE MAJOR DETAILS AT THE DEBATE IN COMMONS ON 22 MAY CONCERNING ARMED SERVICES PAY.
2. THE DEBATE WAS CHOSEN BY THE OPPOSITION (ON A DAY WHEN IT HAS THE RIGHT TO SELECT THE SUBJECT) AND THE CONSERVATIVES USED THE STANDARD PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE FOR EXPRESSING LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN A MINISTER BY TABLING A MOTION CALLING FOR MULLEY'S PAY TO BE CUT BY A HALF. SIR IAN GILMOUR (SHADOW DEFENSE SPOKESMAN) OPENED WITH AN ATTACK ON THE LEFT-WING TRIBUNE GROUP IN PARTICULAR AND THE LABOR PARTY IN GENERAL FOR ITS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD DEFENSE MATTERS. THE CONSERVATIVE CENSURE MOTION AGAINST MULLEY WAS DEFEATED BY A GOVERNMENT MAJORITY OF 14, 267 VOTES TO 28L.
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3. DURING THE DEBATE MULLEY ANNOUNCED A NEW PENSION PLAN FOR THE ARMED FORCES AND GILMOUR PLEDGED THAT IF A CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT IS ELECTED, IT WOULD RESTORE COMPARABILITY OF SERVICE PAY WITH CIVILIAN PAY IN 1979 (RATHER THAN THE GOVERNMENT'S TARGET OF APRIL 1980).

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